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SUBJECT: UK POSITION ON NAMIBIA

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1. DURING DECEMBER 3 MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) BLAKE ON UPCOMING SC MEETING ON NAMIBIA, BRITISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAMUEL SAID THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS REVIEWED ITS POSITION WITH REGARD TO ICJ ADVISORY OPINION ON NAMIBIA AND THAT A CABINET MINISTER WILL MAKE STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT SOON DESCRIBING NEW BRITISH POSITION.

2. MINISTER WILL SAY THAT UK NOW BELIEVES MANDATE FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA IS NOT IN FORCE; THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS

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OCCUPYING THE AREA UNLAWFULLY

AND SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM
TERRITORY; BUT THAT SOUTH AFRICA REMAINS DE FACTO RULER
AND UK WILL CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH IT RE NAMIBIA. ANTHONY
REEVE, EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY, WHO ACCOMPANIED SAMUEL,
EXPLAINED THAT UK BASES ITS POSITION ON LEGALITIES OF
SITUATION RATHER THAN ON GA RESOLUTIONS. UK DOES NOT
BELIEVE GA RESOLUTION 2145 OF ITSELF COULD OR DID TER-
MINATE SOUTH AFRICA'S MANDATE. NOR DOES IT ACCEPT COUNCIL
FOR NAMIBIA AS LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR TERRITORY.

3. SAMUEL SAID UK IS STEPPING UP ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIANS.
IT WILL ANNOUNCE SOON IT WILL GIVE 5,000 POUNDS TO
NAMIBIA INSTITUTE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN LUSAKA. UK ALSO
PLANS TO GIVE 2,000 POUNDS TO UNICEF FOR ASSISTANCE TO
NAMIBIANS. THIS AID IN ADDITION TO 10,000 POUNDS IT
HAS PLEDGED TO UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA AND 70,000 POUNDS IT
HAS PLEDGED TO EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
SOUTHERN AFRICA. KISSINGER

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